

Judicial County Court

Seminole County

Mission

To provide an impartial forum for the resolution of disputes.

Business Strategy

Seminole County is served by the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida under the direction of the Chief Judge. The Eighteenth Circuit is composed of two counties: Seminole and Brevard. In addition to a Chief Judge, there is an Administrative Judge of County Court. Court Administration carries out the administrative duties of the court. This circuit is comprised of two levels of court: Circuit and County. The organizational structure enables the courts to deliver maximum service in the most flexible and efficient manner.

The County Court handles civil cases with a value of \$15,000 or less, criminal misdemeanors, traffic cases, and simplified dissolutions. A total of five judges serve in the County Court with a support staff of two county employees. They hear the high-volume, short-duration cases which comprise their jurisdiction.

Objectives

Provide general and administrative support and funding of operating expenses for five county judges and staff. Also provide funding support of facilities for court events.

Renovate, repair and maintain the Seminole County courthouse.

Performance Measures

	FY 99/00 Actual	FY 00/01 Estimated	FY 01/02 Goal	FY 02/03 Goal
Criminal case filings	7,718	7,900	8,000	8,100
Criminal traffic case filings	15,513	15,600	15,700	15,800
Civil case filings	7,630	7,700	7,800	7,900

Department:		JUDICIAL			Seminole County	
Division:		COUNTY COURT			FY 2001/02	
Section:		-			FY 2002/03	
	1999/00 Actual Expenditures	2000/01 Adopted Budget	2001/02 Adopted Budget	Percent Change 2001/02 Budget over 2000/01 Budget	2002/03 Approved Budget	Percent Change 2002/03 Budget over 2001/02 Budget
EXPENDITURES:						
Personal Services	65,241	73,430	75,350	2.6%	80,401	6.7%
Operating Services	48,020	115,253	50,680	-56.0%	53,733	6.0%
Capital Outlay	0	0	3,000	100.0%	3,000	0.0%
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	
Grants and Aid	0	0	0	0	0	
Reserves/Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	
Subtotal Operating	113,261	188,683	129,030	-31.6%	137,134	6.3%
Capital Improvements	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	113,261	188,683	129,030	-31.6%	137,134	6.3%
FUNDING SOURCE (s)						
General Fund	113,261	188,683	129,030	-31.6%	137,134	6.3%
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE (S)	113,261	188,683	129,030	-31.6%	137,134	6.3%
Full Time Positions	2	2	2		2	
Part-Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2001-02						
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2002-03						
Capital Improvements		2001-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Total Project Cost		0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Impact		0	0	0	0	0

Judicial
County Court
Witness/Other Fees County

Seminole County

Mission

To provide for payment to witnesses and for special needs of disabled individuals appearing before the courts.

Business Strategy

Expenditures in this account include payment of witness fees and travel for witnesses subpoenaed for County Court cases, interpreters for the deaf, and other miscellaneous expenditures necessary in Court trials and hearings.

Florida Statutes, Chapter 914 describes "Witness: Criminal Proceedings;" F.S. 914.06 states, "Compensation of expert witnesses in criminal cases – In a criminal case when the State or an indigent defendant requires the services of an expert witness whose opinion is relevant to the issues of the case, the Court shall award reasonable compensation to the expert witness that shall be taxed and paid by the County as costs in the same manner as other costs." Florida Statutes 90.6063 (2) states, "In all Judicial proceedings and in sessions of a grand jury wherein a deaf person is a complainant, defendant, witness, or otherwise a party, the Court or presiding officer shall appoint a qualified interpreter to interpret the proceedings to the deaf person and to interpret his testimony or statements to the Court or Grand Jury.

Florida Statutes 90.6063(8) states, "An interpreter appointed by the Court in a criminal matter or in a civil matter shall be entitled to a reasonable fee for such service, in addition to actual expenses for travel, to be paid out of general County funds."

The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, requires that reasonable accommodations be provided to requesting qualified persons with disabilities in order that they may participate fully in court programs, services, activities and benefits.

Objectives

Comply with Florida Statutes and the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Department:		JUDICIAL			Seminole County	
Division:		COUNTY COURT			FY 2001/02	
Section:		WITNESS/OTHER FEES COUNTY			FY 2002/03	
		1999/00 Actual Expenditures	2000/01 Adopted Budget	2001/02 Adopted Budget	Percent Change 2001/02 Budget over 2000/01 Budget	2002/03 Approved Budget
					Percent Change 2002/03 Budget over 2001/02 Budget	
EXPENDITURES:						
Personal Services		0	0	0		0
Operating Services		17,402	10,000	10,000	0.0%	10,000
Capital Outlay		0	0	0		0
Debt Service		0	0	0		0
Grants and Aid		0	0	0		0
Reserves/Transfers		0	0	0		0
Subtotal Operating		17,402	10,000	10,000	0.0%	10,000
Capital Improvements		0	0	0		0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		17,402	10,000	10,000	0.0%	10,000
FUNDING SOURCE (s)						
General Fund		17,402	10,000	10,000	0.0%	10,000
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE (S)		17,402	10,000	10,000	0.0%	10,000
Full Time Positions		0	0	0		0
Part-Time Positions		0	0	0		0
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2001-02						
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2002-03						
Capital Improvements		2001-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Total Project Cost		0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Impact		0	0	0	0	0

Judicial
County Court
County Civil Traffic

Seminole County

Mission

To provide convenient, efficient adjudication of civil traffic infractions for citizens of Seminole County.

Business Strategy

In 1995, the Traffic Infraction Hearing Officer Program was established in Seminole County. The program allows for traffic infraction (traffic ticket) hearings to be conducted at several convenient locations throughout Seminole County including Altamonte Springs, Lake Mary, Sanford and Winter Springs. These hearings are conducted by attorneys specially trained as hearing officers to act in place of county court judges. The convenient locations make it easier for the public and law enforcement to appear for the hearings. Travel times required to attend the hearings are reduced. Law enforcement can therefore spend more time patrolling their communities and less time travelling to appear at the hearings. Program funding is provided through a state grant and user fees collected in the form of court costs.

Objectives

Better utilize courthouse facilities and relieve the excessive caseloads on the county courts.

Performance Measures	FY 99/00 Actual	FY 00/01 Estimated	FY 01/02 Goal	FY 02/03 Goal
Citations issued	75,201	76,000	76,542	77,200
Citations heard	7,362	7,417	7,602	7,725

Department:		JUDICIAL			Seminole County	
Division:		COUNTY COURT			FY 2001/02	
Section:		COUNTY CIVIL TRAFFIC			FY 2002/03	
	1999/00 Actual Expenditures	2000/01 Adopted Budget	2001/02 Adopted Budget	Percent Change 2001/02 Budget over 2000/01 Budget	2002/03 Approved Budget	Percent Change 2002/03 Budget over 2001/02 Budget
EXPENDITURES:						
Personal Services	0	0	0		0	
Operating Services	30,384	29,200	29,200	0.0%	29,200	0.0%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0		0	
Debt Service	0	0	0		0	
Grants and Aid	0	0	0		0	
Reserves/Transfers	0	0	0		0	
Subtotal Operating	30,384	29,200	29,200	0.0%	29,200	0.0%
Capital Improvements	0	0	0		0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	30,384	29,200	29,200	0.0%	29,200	0.0%
FUNDING SOURCE (s)						
General Fund	0	29,200	29,200	0.0%	29,200	0.0%
Civil Traffic Fund	30,384	0	0		0	
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE (S)	30,384	29,200	29,200	0.0%	29,200	0.0%
Full Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
Part-Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2001-02						
Program funding has been moved to the General Fund and is funded through court fines and grants.						
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2002-03						
Capital Improvements		2001-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Total Project Cost		0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Impact		0	0	0	0	0

**Judicial
County Court
Civil Mediation**

Seminole County

Mission

To provide funding and administration of mediation/arbitration program for County Civil Court.

Business Strategy

Authorized by Section 44.108, Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 92-6 that provides for mediation and arbitration services in civil and small claims cases. Mediation provides a court-sanctioned opportunity where parties may settle their dispute without the necessity of an adversarial hearing or trial. A \$5.00 service charge is levied on any County Civil Court proceeding to underwrite the cost of the program. The program is under the supervision of the Chief Judge.

Objectives

Comply with Florida Statutes and Seminole County ordinances regarding County Civil Court mediation/arbitration program.

Performance Measures

	FY 99/00 Actual	FY 00/01 Estimated	FY 01/02 Goal	FY 02/03 Goal
Cases Mediated	541	570	592	593

Department:		JUDICIAL			Seminole County	
Division:		COUNTY COURT			FY 2001/02	
Section:		CIVIL MEDIATION			FY 2002/03	
	1999/00 Actual Expenditures	2000/01 Adopted Budget	2001/02 Adopted Budget	Percent Change 2001/02 Budget over 2000/01 Budget	2002/03 Approved Budget	Percent Change 2002/03 Budget over 2001/02 Budget
EXPENDITURES:						
Personal Services	0	0	0		0	
Operating Services	723	48,025	48,025	0.0%	48,025	0.0%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0		0	
Debt Service	0	0	0		0	
Grants and Aid	0	0	0		0	
Reserves/Transfers	0	0	0		0	
Subtotal Operating	723	48,025	48,025	0.0%	48,025	0.0%
Capital Improvements	0	0	0		0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	723	48,025	48,025	0.0%	48,025	0.0%
FUNDING SOURCE (s)						
County Civil Mediation	723	48,025	48,025	0.0%	48,025	0.0%
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE (S)	723	48,025	48,025	0.0%	48,025	0.0%
Full Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
Part-Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2001-02						
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2002-03						
Capital Improvements		2001-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Total Project Cost		0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Impact		0	0	0	0	0

Judicial
Court Facility Fees

Seminole County

Mission

To provide funding to maintain facilities for use of County Court of Seminole County courtrooms and other areas.

Business Strategy

Seminole County Ordinance No. 82-27 imposes additional service charges in probate matters and in the Circuit and County Courts. These funds are used to provide and maintain facilities for the use of the Courts in Seminole County; to provide for the Clerk of the Court to collect such excess service charges; and to provide for the Board of County Commissioners to expend funds collected for providing and maintaining Court facilities.

Objectives

Continue to maintain court facilities with this fund.

Performance Measures	FY 99/00 Actual	FY 00/01 Estimated	FY 01/02 Goal	FY 02/03 Goal
Facility fees collected	\$323,468	\$320,000	\$400,000	\$408,000

Department:		JUDICIAL			Seminole County	
Division:		-			FY 2001/02	
Section:		COURT FACILITY FEES			FY 2002/03	
		1999/00 Actual Expenditures	2000/01 Adopted Budget	2001/02 Adopted Budget	Percent Change 2001/02 Budget over 2000/01 Budget	Percent Change 2002/03 Budget over 2001/02 Budget
EXPENDITURES:						
Personal Services		0	0	0		
Operating Services		0	0	0		
Capital Outlay		60,686	65,735	59,000	-10.2%	0.0%
Debt Service		25,000	22,765	0	-100.0%	
Grants and Aid		0	0	0		
Reserves/Transfers		0	0	0		
Subtotal Operating		85,686	88,500	59,000	-33.3%	0.0%
Capital Improvements		0	0	0		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		85,686	88,500	59,000	-33.3%	0.0%
FUNDING SOURCE (s)						
County Court Facility Fees		11,320	13,500	12,000	-11.1%	0.0%
Circuit Court Facility Fees		74,366	75,000	47,000	-37.3%	0.0%
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE (S)		85,686	88,500	59,000	-33.3%	0.0%
Full Time Positions		0	0	0		
Part-Time Positions		0	0	0		
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2001-02						
<p>Court facility fees are also used to pay for maintenance of the court facilities and are reflected in the Administrative Services/Facilities Maintenance budget.</p> <p>CIP includes cost of law books for both County and Circuit Courts.</p>						
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2002-03						
Capital Improvements		2001-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Total Project Cost		47,000	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Impact		0	0	0	0	0

Judicial Circuit Court

Seminole County

Mission

To provide an impartial forum for the resolution of disputes.

Business Strategy

Seminole County is served by the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida under the direction of the Chief Judge. The Eighteenth Circuit is composed of two counties: Brevard and Seminole. In addition to a Chief Judge there is an Administrative Judge of Seminole County. A total of nine circuit judges and the Chief Judge serve in the court with a support staff of seventeen state and eighteen county employees. Court Administration carries out the administrative duties of the courts.

The Circuit Court handles civil cases with a value of over \$15,000, including family cases, criminal felonies, juvenile, probate and appeals from the County Court. The court calendar consists of hearings, as well as sometimes lengthy jury and non-jury trials.

Objectives

Provide appropriate equipment and administrative support to ensure the smooth running of the judicial function.

Renovate, repair, and maintain the equipment and facilities at the courthouse and other judicial facilities.

Performance Measures	FY 99/00 Actual	FY 00/01 Estimated	FY 01/02 Goal	FY 02/03 Goal
Criminal case filings	2,709	2,852	2,917	3,004
Civil case filings	7,524	7,642	7,702	7,815
Probate case filings	1,244	1,310	1,357	1,392
Juvenile case filings	3,170	3,312	3,475	3,506
Drug Court Clients	0	0	100	125

Department:		JUDICIAL			Seminole County	
Division:		CIRCUIT COURT			FY 2001/02	
Section:		-			FY 2002/03	
	1999/00 Actual Expenditures	2000/01 Adopted Budget	2001/02 Adopted Budget	Percent Change 2001/02 Budget over 2000/01 Budget	2002/03 Approved Budget	Percent Change 2002/03 Budget over 2001/02 Budget
EXPENDITURES:						
Personal Services	619,954	681,914	757,036	11.0%	806,246	6.5%
Operating Services	115,759	195,060	108,403	-44.4%	120,433	11.1%
Capital Outlay	0	0	3,000	100.0%	3,000	0.0%
Debt Service	0	0	0		0	
Grants and Aid	0	0	0		0	
Reserves/Transfers	0	0	0		0	
Subtotal Operating	735,713	876,974	868,439	-1.0%	929,679	7.1%
Capital Improvements	0	0	0		0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	735,713	876,974	868,439	-1.0%	929,679	7.1%
FUNDING SOURCE (s)						
General Fund	735,713	876,974	868,439	-1.0%	929,679	7.1%
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE (S)	735,713	876,974	868,439	-1.0%	929,679	7.1%
Full Time Positions	16	16	17		17	
Part-Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2001-02						
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2002-03						

**Judicial
Circuit Court
Civil Domestic Division**

Seminole County

Mission

To establish child support awards and enforce existing child support orders.

Business Strategy

The Civil Domestic Division consists of two General Masters/Hearing Officers and three support employees. This program is supported in part by a contract between the Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Revenue.

The General Masters/Hearing Officers sit as General Master for all temporary relief and other hearings in family law cases filed in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit as authorized by Administrative Order 93-27-Ci-S, Rules of Civil Procedure and Florida Statutes 61.14.

Objectives

Continue to reduce the hearing load of the Circuit Court Judges.

Continue with Department of Revenue cooperative agreement to obtain reimbursement offsetting the Civil Domestic Division budget for all Title IV- cases.

Performance Measures	FY 99/00 Actual	FY 00/01 Estimated	FY 01/02 Goal	FY 02/03 Goal
Child support cases docketed	3,565	3,815	4,007	4,115
Child support hearings held	2,483	2,675	2,815	2,907
Other hearings docketed	1,645	1,715	1,793	1,826
Other hearings held	889	917	942	976

Department:		JUDICIAL			Seminole County	
Division:		CIRCUIT COURT			FY 2001/02	
Section:		CIVIL DOMESTIC DIVISION			FY 2002/03	
	1999/00 Actual Expenditures	2000/01 Adopted Budget	2001/02 Adopted Budget	Percent Change 2001/02 Budget over 2000/01 Budget	2002/03 Approved Budget	Percent Change 2002/03 Budget over 2001/02 Budget
EXPENDITURES:						
Personal Services	122,648	135,075	139,110	3.0%	148,190	6.5%
Operating Services	5,070	11,504	5,309	-53.9%	5,372	1.2%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0		0	
Debt Service	0	0	0		0	
Grants and Aid	0	0	0		0	
Reserves/Transfers	0	0	0		0	
Subtotal Operating	127,718	146,579	144,419	-1.5%	153,562	6.3%
Capital Improvements	0	0	0		0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	127,718	146,579	144,419	-1.5%	153,562	6.3%
FUNDING SOURCE (s)						
General Fund	127,718	146,579	144,419	-1.5%	153,562	6.3%
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE (S)	127,718	146,579	144,419	-1.5%	153,562	6.3%
Full Time Positions	3	3	3		3	
Part-Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2001-02						
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2002-03						
Capital Improvements		2001-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Total Project Cost		0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Impact		0	0	0	0	0

Mission

To provide funding for witnesses, special needs of disabled, psychiatric examinations, and Baker Act hearings for Circuit Court; to administer payment of costs ordered by Seminole County Judges; and to provide funding for the production of an accurate record of all circuit criminal and other circuit court proceedings.

Business Strategy

Expenditures in this account include payment of witness fees and travel for witnesses subpoenaed for Circuit court cases, interpreters for the deaf, and other miscellaneous expenditures necessary in court trials and hearings. Florida Statutes Chapter 914 describes "Witness; Criminal Proceedings;" F.S. 914.06 states "Compensation of expert witnesses in criminal cases. In a criminal case when the State or an indigent defendant requires the services of an expert witness whose opinion is relevant to the issues of the case, the Court shall award reasonable compensation to the expert witness that shall be taxed and paid by the County as costs in the same manner as other costs."

The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 requires that reasonable accommodations be provided to requesting qualified persons with disabilities in order that they may participate fully in court programs, services, activities and benefits.

Psychiatric examinations and testimony are provided to determine incompetence or insanity in criminal cases. The Constitution of the State of Florida, Article I, Section 16 provides that criminal defendants shall have the right to present witnesses. If a defendant is indigent and his mental capacity is at issue, to ensure that his/her rights under this section of the Constitution are secure, the defendant would be able to present psychiatric testimony at public expense.

Psychiatric examinations and testimony for involuntary commitments under Baker Act hearings are established by Florida Statutes, Chapter 916, 394.463, 394.467, 394.4672, 393.11. The Civil Domestic Division General Master/Hearing Officer holds Baker Act hearings for the Circuit Court [F.S. 394.467 (6)(a)]. Psychiatric examinations are ordered per F.S. 393.11(5)(g) "Members of the examining committee shall receive a reasonable fee to be determined by the Court. The fees are to be paid from the general revenue fund of the County in which the person with mental retardation resided when the petition was filed."

Pursuant to Florida Statutes, Chapter 27, Court Reporters are designated to record the proceedings of all Circuit Criminal Courts. The Court Reporter program is established not only for the purpose of creating a verbatim record but is responsible for the generation and retention of transcripts used in the appellate process.

Department:		JUDICIAL			Seminole County	
Division:		CIRCUIT COURT COSTS			FY 2001/02	
Section:		-			FY 2002/03	
	1999/00 Actual Expenditures	2000/01 Adopted Budget	2001/02 Adopted Budget	Percent Change 2001/02 Budget over 2000/01 Budget	2002/03 Approved Budget	Percent Change 2002/03 Budget over 2001/02 Budget
EXPENDITURES:						
Personal Services	0	0	0		0	
Operating Services	680,316	790,207	790,207	0.0%	790,207	0.0%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0		0	
Debt Service	0	0	0		0	
Grants and Aid	0	0	0		0	
Reserves/Transfers	0	0	0		0	
Subtotal Operating	680,316	790,207	790,207	0.0%	790,207	0.0%
Capital Improvements	0	0	0		0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	680,316	790,207	790,207	0.0%	790,207	0.0%
FUNDING SOURCE (s)						
General Fund	680,316	790,207	790,207	0.0%	790,207	0.0%
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE (S)	680,316	790,207	790,207	0.0%	790,207	0.0%
Full Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
Part-Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2001-02						
Funding supports criminal psychiatric examinations, court reporters, and witness and other fees.						
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2002-03						
Capital Improvements		2001-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Total Project Cost		0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Impact		0	0	0	0	0

Judicial

Seminole County

Circuit Court

Conflict Attorneys (Court Appointed Counsel)

Mission

To provide for the payment of court costs ordered against indigent defendants as determined by Florida Statutes 27.52.

Business Strategy

Court costs are to be paid by the County per Florida Statute. Payment is provided to court-appointed attorneys for indigent defendants where the Public Defender experiences conflict in representation as set forth under Florida Statute 27.53(3), 39.0134; compensation is calculated per Florida Statute 925.036 and Administrative Orders 96-33, 00-23-S, and 01-07-S.

Chapter 39 of the Florida Statutes requires that attorneys be appointed for each parent in dependency cases where allegations have been made that a child has been abandoned, abused or neglected.

Seminole County contracts with eight conflict attorneys. Special conflict attorneys are appointed for capital cases, dependency cases and other cases where the court finds a conflict.

Objectives

Comply with Florida Statutes and Administrative Orders in providing indigent defendants with legal representation.

Department:		JUDICIAL			Seminole County	
Division:		CIRCUIT COURT			FY 2001/02	
Section:		COURT APPOINTED COUNSEL			FY 2002/03	
	1999/00 Actual Expenditures	2000/01 Adopted Budget	2001/02 Adopted Budget	Percent Change 2001/02 Budget over 2000/01 Budget	2002/03 Approved Budget	Percent Change 2002/03 Budget over 2001/02 Budget
EXPENDITURES:						
Personal Services	0	0	0		0	
Operating Services	1,785,485	1,644,000	1,644,000	0.0%	1,644,000	0.0%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0		0	
Debt Service	0	0	0		0	
Grants and Aid	0	0	0		0	
Reserves/Transfers	0	0	0		0	
Subtotal Operating	1,785,485	1,644,000	1,644,000	0.0%	1,644,000	0.0%
Capital Improvements	0	0	0		0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,785,485	1,644,000	1,644,000	0.0%	1,644,000	0.0%
FUNDING SOURCE (s)						
General Fund	1,785,485	1,644,000	1,644,000	0.0%	1,644,000	0.0%
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE (S)	1,785,485	1,644,000	1,644,000	0.0%	1,644,000	0.0%
Full Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
Part-Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2001-02						
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2002-03						
Capital Improvements		2001-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Total Project Cost		0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Impact		0	0	0	0	0

Judicial
Circuit Court
Circuit Mediation/Arbitration & Dependency

Seminole County

Mission

To provide funding and administration for mediation and arbitration in Circuit Court.

Business Strategy

Authorized by section 44.108, Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 92-6 that provides for mediation and arbitration services for indigent and partially indigent individuals. A \$5.00 service charge is levied on any Circuit Civil proceeding filed in the Circuit Court of Seminole County to cover the cost of these services. The program is under the supervision of the Chief Judge.

Objectives

Secure and ensure that mediation services are provided when required by the Court.

Department:		JUDICIAL			Seminole County	
Division:		CIRCUIT COURT			FY 2001/02	
Section:		CIRCUIT MEDIATION			FY 2002/03	
	1999/00 Actual Expenditures	2000/01 Adopted Budget	2001/02 Adopted Budget	Percent Change 2001/02 Budget over 2000/01 Budget	2002/03 Approved Budget	Percent Change 2002/03 Budget over 2001/02 Budget
EXPENDITURES:						
Personal Services	47,037	54,839	0	-100.0%	0	
Operating Services	765	124,611	124,611	0.0%	124,611	0.0%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0		0	
Debt Service	0	0	0		0	
Grants and Aid	0	0	0		0	
Reserves/Transfers	0	0	0		0	
Subtotal Operating	47,802	179,450	124,611	-30.6%	124,611	0.0%
Capital Improvements	0	0	0		0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	47,802	179,450	124,611	-30.6%	124,611	0.0%
FUNDING SOURCE (s)						
Circuit Civil Mediation	47,802	179,450	124,611	-30.6%	124,611	0.0%
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE (S)	47,802	179,450	124,611	-30.6%	124,611	0.0%
Full Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
Part-Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2001-02						
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2002-03						
Capital Improvements		2001-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Total Project Cost		0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Impact		0	0	0	0	0

**Judicial
Circuit Court
Family Mediation**

Seminole County

Mission

To provide funding and administration of mediation/arbitration program for Circuit Family Court.

Business Strategy

Authorized by Section 44.108, Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 92-6 that provides for family mediation and arbitration services for indigent and partially indigent individuals or parties in Family Court. A \$45.00 service charge is levied on any petition for Modification of Final Judgment of Dissolution filed in the Circuit Court of Seminole County. Service charge funds are used for an indigent's share of a court-ordered mediator's compensation and payment of related expenses. The program is under the supervision of the Chief Judge in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit and is guided by Administrative Orders 96-10-S and 01-09-S.

Objectives

Comply with Florida Statutes and Seminole County ordinances regarding Family Mediation.

Performance Measures	FY 99/00 Actual	FY 00/01 Estimated	FY 01/02 Goal	FY 02/03 Goal
Cases Mediated	162	185	215	230

Department:		JUDICIAL			Seminole County	
Division:		CIRCUIT COURT			FY 2001/02	
Section:		FAMILY MEDIATION			FY 2002/03	
	1999/00 Actual Expenditures	2000/01 Adopted Budget	2001/02 Adopted Budget	Percent Change 2001/02 Budget over 2000/01 Budget	2002/03 Approved Budget	Percent Change 2002/03 Budget over 2001/02 Budget
EXPENDITURES:						
Personal Services	0	0	0		0	
Operating Services	30,813	146,375	146,375	0.0%	146,375	0.0%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0		0	
Debt Service	0	0	0		0	
Grants and Aid	0	0	0		0	
Reserves/Transfers	0	0	0		0	
Subtotal Operating	30,813	146,375	146,375	0.0%	146,375	0.0%
Capital Improvements	0	0	0		0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	30,813	146,375	146,375	0.0%	146,375	0.0%
FUNDING SOURCE (s)						
Family Mediation	30,813	146,375	146,375	0.0%	146,375	0.0%
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE (S)	30,813	146,375	146,375	0.0%	146,375	0.0%
Full Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
Part-Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2001-02						
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2002-03						
Capital Improvements		2001-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Total Project Cost		0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Impact		0	0	0	0	0

**Judicial
Circuit Court
Guardian Ad Litem**

Seminole County

Mission

To advocate for the best interest of abused, neglected or abandoned children in judicial proceedings. The Program recruits, trains, and supervises volunteers to represent the best interest of children in civil and criminal cases.

Business Strategy

The Seminole County Guardian Ad Litem Program began in 1980 as part of a pilot project to test the effectiveness of lay citizens as advocates for abused and neglected children. It developed as a result of a federal mandate known as the Child Abuse and Treatment Act. This mandate was later codified in Florida Statutes, most specifically, 39.822, Florida Statutes. This statute requires the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem for any child suspected of being abused or neglected in any criminal or civil proceeding. Further, 61.041, Florida Statutes provides for the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem in an action for dissolution of marriage, or modification, if the Court finds it is in the best interest of the child.

The volunteer Guardian Ad Litem is the only independent advocate for the child and has the responsibility for advancing what is in the best interest of the child. Guardians are required to gather information, act as a monitor until the Court terminates jurisdiction, assure that the child is protected throughout the proceedings, and finally make written and oral reports to the Court containing information and recommendations.

Volunteers are trained, screened and supervised by a full time professional staff. Twenty-four hours of pre-service training is provided five times a year to maintain an incoming flow of available volunteer advocates. In-service training sessions are held a minimum of ten times per year.

Objectives

Maintain or increase the number of volunteers; assure quality legal representation.

Provide for increased representation of child victims in delinquency and criminal proceedings to meet the statutory mandate.

Performance Measures

	FY 99/00 Actual	FY 00/01 Estimated	FY 01/02 Goal	FY 02/03 Goal
Average daily caseload	304	310	320	330
Shelter petitions filed	534	550	560	560
Dependency petitions filed	178	185	192	207
Volunteer hours	138,000	135,500	139,200	139,700
Children represented	883	892	904	920

Department:		JUDICIAL			Seminole County	
Division:		CIRCUIT COURT			FY 2001/02	
Section:		GUARDIAN AD LITEM			FY 2002/03	
	1999/00 Actual Expenditures	2000/01 Adopted Budget	2001/02 Adopted Budget	Percent Change 2001/02 Budget over 2000/01 Budget	2002/03 Approved Budget	Percent Change 2002/03 Budget over 2001/02 Budget
EXPENDITURES:						
Personal Services	24,594	27,688	30,490	10.1%	32,615	7.0%
Operating Services	18,931	33,244	27,905	-16.1%	27,920	0.1%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0		0	
Debt Service	0	0	0		0	
Grants and Aid	0	0	0		0	
Reserves/Transfers	0	0	0		0	
Subtotal Operating	43,525	60,932	58,395	-4.2%	60,535	3.7%
Capital Improvements	0	0	0		0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	43,525	60,932	58,395	-4.2%	60,535	3.7%
FUNDING SOURCE (s)						
General Fund	43,525	60,932	58,395	-4.2%	60,535	3.7%
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE (S)	43,525	60,932	58,395	-4.2%	60,535	3.7%
Full Time Positions	1	1	1		1	
Part-Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2001-02						
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2002-03						
Capital Improvements		2001-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Total Project Cost		0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Impact		0	0	0	0	0

Mission

To pursue vigorous and fair prosecution of criminal cases, with a commitment to serve as an advocate for the rights of all victims, and promote the safety and well-being of the public.

Business Strategy

The State Attorney is the Chief Prosecuting Office in the Circuit pursuant to Article 5, Section 17 of the Constitution of the State of Florida. The State Attorney is charged with being the Chief Prosecuting Officer of all trial courts in his respective Circuit, and shall perform all other duties prescribed by general law. Chapter 27, Part 1 of Florida Statutes and the Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure further elaborate upon the State Attorney.

The State Attorney, with the aid of appointed assistants and staff, shall appear in the Circuit and County Courts within his Judicial Circuit, and prosecute and defend on behalf of the State all suits, applications or motions, civil and criminal in which the State is a party.

Objectives

Improve networking of computers between the Public Defender, Clerk and Sheriff's offices of the County.

Continue computerization of the Misdemeanor and Juvenile Divisions within this office.

Continue to fully automate the processing of cases handled by this office.

Continue to operate efficiently and minimize the dollars expended for the citizens of Seminole County.

Performance Measures

	FY 99/00 Actual	FY 00/01 Estimated	FY 01/02 Goal	FY 02/03 Goal
Felony cases	5,492	4,964	5,063	5,164
Juvenile cases	3,066	3,290	3,356	3,423
Misdemeanor/traffic cases	15,366	15,708	16,022	16,343
Violation of probation cases	4,770	4,297	4,383	4,471
Total All Division	28,694	28,259	28,824	29,401

NOTE: Statistical information provided for 2002 and 2003 is a projection based on past annual history in these categories.

Department:		JUDICIAL			Seminole County	
Division:		STATE ATTORNEY			FY 2001/02	
Section:		-			FY 2002/03	
	1999/00 Actual Expenditures	2000/01 Adopted Budget	2001/02 Adopted Budget	Percent Change 2001/02 Budget over 2000/01 Budget	2002/03 Approved Budget	Percent Change 2002/03 Budget over 2001/02 Budget
EXPENDITURES:						
Personal Services	0	0	0		0	
Operating Services	158,449	187,932	199,781	6.3%	211,254	5.7%
Capital Outlay	15,351	16,136	8,000	100.0%	6,500	-18.8%
Debt Service	0	0	0		0	
Grants and Aid	0	0	0		0	
Reserves/Transfers	0	0	0		0	
Subtotal Operating	173,800	204,068	207,781	1.8%	217,754	4.8%
Capital Improvements	0	0	0		0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	173,800	204,068	207,781	1.8%	217,754	4.8%
FUNDING SOURCE (s)						
Criminal Justice Trust	173,800	204,068	207,781	1.8%	217,754	4.8%
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE (S)	173,800	204,068	207,781	1.8%	217,754	4.8%
Full Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
Part-Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2001-02						
File server in support of the enhanced system.						5,500
Color solid ink printer for use in sex crimes, domestic violence, and other criminal units to reproduce photographs and other evidence.						2,500
Note: \$56,191 is paid by the General Fund for rental of space.						
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2002-03						
Data base server to upgrade server to support enhanced system.						6,500
Note: \$64,783 is paid by the General Fund for rental of space.						
Capital Improvements		2001-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Total Project Cost		0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Impact		0	0	0	0	0

Mission

To provide legal representation to all indigents charged with criminal offenses that may result in incarceration.

Business Strategy

The criminal justice system is dependent upon the quality of the legal representation provided by the Public Defender to all indigents charged with criminal offenses that may carry the penalty of incarceration. The 18th Circuit Public Defender serves the Court system at three locations in Brevard County and two locations in Seminole County.

Objectives

Continue to provide economical, efficient and quality legal representation to our clients.

Performance Measures

	FY 99/00 Actual	FY 00/01 Estimated	FY 01/02 Goal	FY 02/03 Goal
Indigent clients represented	8,390	9,550	10,000	10,000

Department:		JUDICIAL			Seminole County	
Division:		PUBLIC DEFENDER			FY 2001/02	
Section:		-			FY 2002/03	
	1999/00 Actual Expenditures	2000/01 Adopted Budget	2001/02 Adopted Budget	Percent Change 2001/02 Budget over 2000/01 Budget	2002/03 Approved Budget	Percent Change 2002/03 Budget over 2001/02 Budget
EXPENDITURES:						
Personal Services	0	0	0		0	
Operating Services	153,894	152,360	190,924	25.3%	197,989	3.7%
Capital Outlay	1,451	0	0		0	
Debt Service	0	0	0		0	
Grants and Aid	0	0	0		0	
Reserves/Transfers	0	0	0		0	
Subtotal Operating	155,345	152,360	190,924	25.3%	197,989	3.7%
Capital Improvements	0	0	0		0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	155,345	152,360	190,924	25.3%	197,989	3.7%
FUNDING SOURCE (s)						
Criminal Justice Trust	155,345	152,360	190,924	25.3%	197,989	3.7%
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE (S)	155,345	152,360	190,924	25.3%	197,989	3.7%
Full Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
Part-Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2001-02						
Note: \$139,418 is paid by the General Fund for rental of space.						
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2002-03						
Note: \$143,601 is paid by the General Fund for rental of space.						
Capital Improvements		2001-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Total Project Cost		0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Impact		0	0	0	0	0

Mission

To provide free legal services to very low income families in Seminole County. Our mission is to provide very low income families access to the legal system to empower them to become self-sufficient, improve their quality of life, and protect abused spouses and children. The organization has been providing these services to the indigent community since 1975. Services are provided with the assistance of staff attorneys, a support staff and a panel of volunteer attorneys and laypersons.

Business Strategy

Section 28.2401 of the Florida Statutes provides for the inclusion of a \$16.00 filing fee to be used by governments for the specific purpose of providing and maintaining a legal aid program.

Cases pursued by the Legal Aid Society are of a civil (non-criminal) nature, specifically in the areas of family law, landlord/tenant rights, and guardianship law and elderly law.

In FY 1999/2000 the Legal Aid Society collected over \$304,854 annually in child support payments for low-income families in Seminole County.

Objectives

Continue to provide free legal assistance and to improve the quality of life for indigent individuals in Seminole County.

Department:		JUDICIAL			Seminole County	
Division:		LEGAL AID			FY 2001/02	
Section:		-			FY 2002/03	
	1999/00 Actual Expenditures	2000/01 Adopted Budget	2001/02 Adopted Budget	Percent Change 2001/02 Budget over 2000/01 Budget	2002/03 Approved Budget	Percent Change 2002/03 Budget over 2001/02 Budget
EXPENDITURES:						
Personal Services	0	0	0		0	
Operating Services	214,076	216,000	222,376	3.0%	222,376	0.0%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0		0	
Debt Service	0	0	0		0	
Grants and Aid	0	0	0		0	
Reserves/Transfers	0	0	0		0	
Subtotal Operating	214,076	216,000	222,376	3.0%	222,376	0.0%
Capital Improvements	0	0	0		0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	214,076	216,000	222,376	3.0%	222,376	0.0%
FUNDING SOURCE (s)						
General Fund	214,076	216,000	222,376	3.0%	222,376	0.0%
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE (S)	214,076	216,000	222,376	3.0%	222,376	0.0%
Full Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
Part-Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2001-02						
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2002-03						
Capital Improvements		2001-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Total Project Cost		0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Impact		0	0	0	0	0

Mission

To provide legal reference materials and referral services for the judiciary, lawyers, courthouse personnel and citizens of Seminole County.

Business Strategy

The Law Library was established by the Laws of Florida Chapter 59-1963 and is funded by Seminole County filing fees. The library serves the legal community consisting of judges, lawyers, students and the public by providing legal reference and referral services within the limits of Florida Statute 454.23.

Objectives

Continue to provide economical, efficient and quality legal information to the judiciary, courthouse personnel, the legal community and the general public.

Install Westlaw Services, a computer research retrieval system.

Continue the Students in Trial Day with local schools.

Department:		JUDICIAL			Seminole County	
Division:		LAW LIBRARY			FY 2001/02	
Section:		-			FY 2002/03	
	1999/00 Actual Expenditures	2000/01 Adopted Budget	2001/02 Adopted Budget	Percent Change 2001/02 Budget over 2000/01 Budget	2002/03 Approved Budget	Percent Change 2002/03 Budget over 2001/02 Budget
EXPENDITURES:						
Personal Services	0	0	0		0	
Operating Services	72,513	75,000	75,000	0.0%	75,000	0.0%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0		0	
Debt Service	0	0	0		0	
Grants and Aid	0	0	0		0	
Reserves/Transfers	0	0	0		0	
Subtotal Operating	72,513	75,000	75,000	0.0%	75,000	0.0%
Capital Improvements	0	0	0		0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	72,513	75,000	75,000	0.0%	75,000	0.0%
FUNDING SOURCE (s)						
General Fund	72,513	75,000	75,000	0.0%	75,000	0.0%
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE (S)	72,513	75,000	75,000	0.0%	75,000	0.0%
Full Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
Part-Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2001-02						
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2002-03						
Capital Improvements		2001-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Total Project Cost		0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Impact		0	0	0	0	0